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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dennis Harris on
4 the occasion of his retirement as Deputy Chief of the Crystal
5 Lake Police Department on January 29, 2010; and

6 WHEREAS, Dennis Harris graduated from Maine West High
7 School in 1972; he earned his bachelor's degree in law
8 enforcement administration from Western Illinois University in
9 May of 1976; and

10 WHEREAS, Dennis Harris has had a long and distinguished
11 career in law enforcement; he began his career as a dispatcher
12 and Community Service Officer with the Palatine Police
13 Department in June of 1976, serving in that position until
14 August of 1977; he was employed with the Rolling Meadows Police
15 Department from August of 1977 until July of 1978; from July of
16 1978 until January of 1983, he was employed with the East
17 Dundee Police Department as a Patrolman, Firearms Instructor,
18 and Communications Officer; and

19 WHEREAS, On January 10, 1983, Dennis Harris accepted a
20 position with the Crystal Lake Police Department as a
21 Probationary Police Officer; in 1984, he was assigned to the
22 Emergency Services Team (EST) as a Tactical Officer; that same

1 year, he was assigned as a Field Training Officer; in 1989, he
2 was assigned to the EST Negotiators; in 1992, he was assigned
3 as a Range Officer for the department; in 1998, he was assigned
4 as a EST Marksman; that same year, he was appointed to serve as
5 a Department Training Officer, a position he held until 2003;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, On May 8, 2000, Dennis Harris was promoted to the
8 rank of Sergeant; in 2002, he was appointed to serve as Records
9 Commander; in 2004, he was assigned to the McHenry County E-911
10 Board; on September 27, 2005, he was promoted to the rank of
11 Deputy Chief, a position he held until his retirement; and

12 WHEREAS, Dennis Harris was the organizer and coordinator of
13 the first 6 Crystal Lake Citizen Police Academies; in 2009, he
14 served as Acting Executive Director of Southeast Emergency
15 Communications; and

16 WHEREAS, Dennis Harris has been the recipient of 6
17 Commendations for his meritorious service with the Crystal Lake
18 Police Department; and

19 WHEREAS, Dennis Harris is a member of numerous law
20 enforcement organizations, including the Illinois Tactical
21 Officers Association, the Midwest Regional Crisis Negotiators,
22 the Illinois Police Instructor Trainers Association, the

1 Illinois Crisis Negotiators Association, the Emergency
2 Telephone System Board, the Illinois Chiefs of Police, the
3 McHenry County Chiefs of Police, the American Society of Law
4 Enforcement Trainers, the International Law Enforcement
5 Firearms Instructors, the Police Marksman Association, the
6 Illinois Police Association, and the Northwestern University
7 Center for Public Safety Alumni Association; and

8 WHEREAS, Dennis Harris has been a resident of Crystal Lake
9 for 32 years; he and his wife, Christine, have been happily
10 married for 32 years; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 congratulate Dennis Harris on the occasion of his retirement
14 and wish him many happy and healthy retirement years; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Dennis Harris as a symbol of our esteem and
18 respect.